

# CANCER: CONGRESSMAN HIGGINS' PLAN TO SUPPORT THE 2015 GOAL

## WHAT IS THE 2015 GOAL?

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the National Institutes of Health, is the Federal Government's principal agency for cancer research and training. The NCI has a goal of eliminating all suffering and death due to cancer by the year 2015. Congressman Higgins' believes eliminating suffering and death due to cancer by the year 2015 should be America's goal.

## WHAT IS CONGRESSMAN HIGGINS PLAN TO SUPPORT THE 2015 GOAL?

1. Congressman Higgins will sponsor legislation that fully funds NCI. He intends to do this every year until NCI receives the funding it needs. The President's proposed 2007 Budget cuts funding to the National Cancer Institute by over \$39.7 million. The appropriations bill which funds NCI, the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill (LHHS) includes the same underfunding. The Higgins Amendment to LHHS will restore \$240 million in funding to NCI, bringing its total to \$5,033,000,000.
2. Congressman Higgins will support projects that advance the mission of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and that of other local cancer research, treatment and advocacy projects. Western New York is home to Roswell Park Cancer Institute, a premier cancer research and treatment facility and one of Western New York's top 20 employers.
3. Congressman Higgins will support expanding programs that detect cancer early and help Americans get treatment. These programs significantly reduce the cost to our nation's health care system by treating people early. There are proven programs like the Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program, which help underserved communities get diagnosed and treated early. Because of underfunding these programs cannot reach all the people who need them.